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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, GW, GE, ECRE
SUBJECT: FRG/GDR TRANSIT TALKS: EXCHANGE OF LETTERS

SUMMARY. THE BONN GROUP HAS REACHED AD REF AGREEMENT ON FRG DRAFTS OF LETTERS TO BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN FRG AND GDR WHEN AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BERLIN-HELMSTEDT AUTOBAHN AND THE EXPANSION OF THE BERLINER RING TO SIX LANES. THE FRENCH REP HAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT, ONCE FRG/GDR AGREEMENT IS REACHED, THE ALLIES SHOULD SEEK SOVIET ASSURANCES THAT THERE WILL BE NO INTERFERENCE WITH ACCESS DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE. FRENCH AMBASSADOR WORMSER MAY RAISE THIS LATTER POINT IN PRELIMINARY WAY WITH ABRASIMOV ON OCTOBER 29. END SUMMARY.

1. FRG BONN GROUP REPS HAVE GIVEN ALLIES FRG DRAFTS OF LETTERS TO BE EXCHANGED BY FRG AND GDR WHEN AGREEMENT ON THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BERLIN-HELMSTEDT AUTOBAHN AND EXPANSION OF THE BERLINER RING TO SIX LANES IS CONFIDENTIAL

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REACHED. BRACKETED PORTIONS OF THE DRAFT AS FIRST

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PRESENTED POSED QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE BONN GROUP AS TO WHETHER THE FRG LETTER SHOULD RELATE THE NEW AGREEMENT TO THE TRANSIT TRAFFIC AGREEMENT (TTA) OR, MORE GENERALLY, TO THE FRG-GDR TRANSIT REGIME' AND ALSO WHETHER THE FRG LETTER SHOULD NOTE THAT THE AGREEMENT WAS MADE AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE THREE POWERS.

2. THE DRAFTS WERE DISCUSSED TRIPARTITELY ON OCTOBER 20, AND IN THE OCTOBER 23 BONN GROUP MEETING THE ALLIED REPS INFORMED THE FRG THAT THEY FELT (A) THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO TIE THE NEW AGREEMENT TO THE TTA (THEREBY INDIRECTLY RELATING IT TO THE QA) AND (B) THAT REFERENCE TO CONSULTATIONS WITH THE THREE POWERS WAS GRATUITOUS AND, MOREOVER, UNLIKELY TO BE BALANCED BY A REFERENCE IN THE GDR LETTER TO CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. THE FRG REP SAID THAT HE AGREED THAT A REFERENCE TO THE TTA WAS NECESSARY. GAUS, HE ADDED, PREFERRED NOT TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE THREE POWERS, WHEREAS THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD FELT STRONGLY THAT SUCH A REFERENCE SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

3. AD REF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE TEXT OF THE LETTERS AS SET OUT IN PARAS 5 AND 6 BELOW.

4. THE FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) THEN SAID THAT THE ALLIES AND THE FRG SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER HOW TO PROCEED VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIETS. HE NOTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME EFFECT ON TRAFFIC ON THE AUTOBAHN DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION PROCESS AND THAT THE ALLIES WOULD WISH TO BE INFORMED BY THE SOVIETS, NOT THE GDR, OF ANY POSSIBLE DETOURS OR DELAYS ON THE ACCESS ROAD. HE SUGGESTED, THEREFORE, THAT AFTER AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BUT BEFORE WORK BEGAN, THE ALLIES SHOULD GO TO THE SOVIETS TO OBTAIN AN ASSURANCE THAT TRAFFIC ON THE AUTOBAHN WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED. (COMMENT: AT AN ENSUING TRIPARTITE MEETING ON OCTOBER 23, BOISSIEU ASKED THE VIEWS OF THE US AND UK REPS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING FRENCH AMBASSADOR WORMSER RAISE THIS ASPECT OF THE MATTER WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV WHEN THEY HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER ON OCTOBER 29. BOTH REPS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT A CONFIDENTIAL

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SPECIFIC APPROACH AT THIS POINT WOULD BE PREMATURE BUT SAID THEY SAW NO OBJECTION TO WORMSER'S MENTIONING IN PASSING, IN THE CONTEXT OF A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF FRG-GDR NEGOTIATIONS, AN ALLIED EXPECTATION THAT EVENTUAL WORK ON THE ACCESS ROUTES WOULD, OF COURSE, NOT RESULT IN ANY INTERFERENCE WITH ACCESS. END COMMENT)

5. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED LETTER FROM

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SCHLIMPER TO GAUS, ON WHICH AD REF BONN GROUP AGREEMENT
HAS BEEN REACHED: BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. GAUS:
L. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TECHNICAL DATA PASSED TO
YOU TODAY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC

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REPUBLIC WILL CARRY OUT:
-- THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE AUTOBAHN FROM THE LEIPZIG INTERCHANGE OF THE BERLINER RING TO MARIENBORN;
-- EXPANSION OF THE BERLINER RING TO SIX LANES FROM THE LEIPZIG INTERCHANGE TO THE DREWITZ INTERCHANGE.

FOR BOTH ENDEAVORS TOTAL CONSTRUCTION TIME OF
FOUR YEARS IN ADDITION TO A YEAR OF PREPARATION TIME
IS ENVISAGED. THE PREPARATION TIME BEGINS ON (BLANK).

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2. THE TOTAL COSTS AMOUNT TO:
-- FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE AUTOBAHN BETWEEN BERLINER RING AND THELEIPZIG INTERCHANGE TO MARIENBORN (BLANK) MILLION MARKS;
-- FOR THE SIX LANE EXPANSION OF THE BERLINER RING FROM THELEIPZIG INTERCHANGE TO THE DREWITZ INTERCHANGE (BLANK) MILLION MARKS.
A TOTAL OF (BLANK) MILLION MARKS.
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WITH HIGHEST RESPECT, HORST SCHLIMPER. END TEXT.

6. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE LETTER FROM GAUS TO SCHLIMPER ON WHICH AD REF AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED:
BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. SCHLIMPER:

I REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF TODAY AND UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC CONCERNING TRANSIT TRAFFIC OF CIVILIAN PERSONS AND GOODS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND BERLIN (WEST) OF DECEMBER 17, 1971, INFORM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING:

L. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WILL PAY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC:

-- FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE AUTOBAHN BETWEEN BERLINER RING FROM THE LEIPSIG INTERCHANGE TO MARIENBORN (BLANK) PER CENT OF THE FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES EQUALLING (BLANK) MILLION DM;
-- FOR EXPANSION OF THE BERLINER RING TO SIX LANES FROM THE LEIPSIG INTERCHANGE TO THE DREWITZ INTERCHANGE (BLANK) PER CENT OF THE FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES EQUALLING (BLANK) MILLION DM.

2. THE SUM ALLOTTED TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WILL BE PAID ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE TRANSIT LUMP SUM PAYMENT CORRESPONDING AT ANY GIVEN TIME TO THE ACHIEVED CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS AT (BLANK) OF THE YEAR.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WILL PAY THE STATED ANNUAL SUM (SUM WHICH IS DUE

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ANNUALLY AS SET OUT BEFORE) PRIOR TO THE DATE WHEN THE
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PAYMENT OF THE TRANSIT LUMP SUM COMES DUE, ON THE FIRST OCCASION BEFORE (BLANK). THIS SUM WILL BE PAID TO AN ACCOUNT OF THE (BLANK) IN FAVOR OF THE GERMAN FOREIGN TRADE BANK A.G. IN BERLIN.

WITH HIGHEST RESPECT, GUENTER GAUS. END TEXT.

7. COMMENT AND ACTION: FRG HAS ASKED EXPEDITIOUS ACTION ON DRAFTS BY ALLIES SO LETTERS COULD BE EXCHANGED PROMPTLY UPON FRG-GDR AGREEMENT ON THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. THE DRAFTS APPEAR ACCEPTABLE TO US AND, UNLESS DEPARTMENT OR USBER HAS OBJECTIONS, WE WILL EXPRESS APPROVAL TO THE FRG ON OCTOBER 30.
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